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**RE: UNITED STATES PATENT APPLICATION**

**Serial No.:** 09/559,867  
**Title:** EXHAUST DIAPHRAGM ASSEMBLY  
**Inventors:** TETZLAFF, Patrick C.  
**Filing Date:** April 26, 2000  
**Examiner:** STEVENS, Maurice E.  
**Art Unit:** 2855  
**Confirmation #:** 1617  
**Our Ref.:** RP-00748-US1

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated November 3, 2003, the date for which a response is due on April 3, 2004, with a two-month extension of time, please amend the above-identified application as follows: